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Application No. PCT/EP02/08541 )  
under 35 U.S.C. 371 )  
  
Title: OPTICAL DEVICES COMPRISING  
SERIES OF BIREFRINGENT  
WAVEPLATES

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this amendment.

An abstract is provided on page 13 of this amendment and as a separate page  
enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this amendment.